

## NEWARK EAGLES BASEBALL CLUB

### The lineup:

Francis Matthews, 1b, who has been the Eagles leadoff man since the beginning of the season when he took over the initial sack assignment as a regular succeeding the great Mule Suttles, hailed for years as the Babe Ruth of Negro baseball. It was a difficult assignment, but the former Boston College tosser, has proven his worth and for only a few days has he been absent because of a minor injury. Matty was a football and track star at college and his speed is evident when he runs the bags. He hits well and is one of the most promising young players in the league... from Cambridge, Mass. 24 yrs old, weighs 181, stands 5-8½. second yr of pro ball.

Clarence Israel, 3b, one of the best hot corner guards in the league. Hits very well and has been the backbone of the Eagles infield defense. Israel, playing his second yr in pro ball got his start with the Eagles last season. He was found by Eagles scouts in Cumberland, Md and brought to training camp where he almost immediately earned a starting assignment. He is 23 and appears to have a post with Newark for a long time. Early in the season, he was rejected by his draft board for having bow-legs and flat feet.

Leon Day, 2b, 24 of Belleville NJ, also one of the league's leading pitchers. Hits among the leaders on the club and is one of the most valuable players on any ballclub.

Monte Irvin, ss, is the leading hitter in the league batting around .420 and is also among the home run leaders in the circuit. Monte is definitely the most feared of all the batters in the league and has been getting many free passes in tight pinches recently. He is a native of Orange NJ where he took most of the honors in his local high school leading in baseball, track, football, basketball, and in his studies. He was on many all-state teams and holds the State javelin record. At Lincoln University he was also a sports leader in the four major activities. He is playing his third year of pro ball and last season played with the San Juan team in Puerto Rico. is 22, weighs 195 and is 6-1 tall. born in Columbia, Ala.

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Johnnie Davis, 24, of Schenectady NY, a promising new outfielder, joined the Eagles squad a month ago and is already among the longest ast and most dangerous hitters in the circuit. He has been batting fifth and is a proven expert with the ash.

Lenny Pearson, 1f, is another New Jersey native who has is a hard hitter with the distinction of having led the Puerto Rican league this winter in batting. He bats and throws righthanded. Pearson began his pro ball career four years with the Eagles and has been with the team ever since. He is 22 weight- 190 and height- 6-1½

Jimmy Brown, rf, 21, of Laurel Hill NC, a hard hitter, in second yr of pro ball... also a good pitcher. 180 lbs. 6ft 2in.

M Bizz Mackey, c, and Charlie Parks, c, Parks is 23 and one of best foul fly retrievers in league. also has unusual arm to 2b.

Jim Hill, 21, p, lefthander, got his start pitching batting practice to Detroit Tigers who took spring training in his hometown, Lakeland, Fla.



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Hill... was Eagles representative with Irvin and Pearson at annual East-West game in Chicago this year. He is rated as one of most promising players in the league. Hill has a variety of pitches and is good hitter in pinches.

Max Manning, p, 6 feet 5 inch bespectacled hurler, from Atlantic City NJ, is a former member of Lincoln University team where he played with Irvin. Is rapidly developing in his third year of pro ball as a top notch pitcher. He has an unusual fast ball and has earned the nickname of the "Eagles' ~~XX~~ Jim Weaver". He is 22 bats lefthanded and throws bullets with his right.

Len Hooker, p, 23, ~~at~~ 6ft 4in tall weighs 151. is 23 and has an unusual high-kick windup which always draws ~~numbers~~ from spectators. He comes from Raleigh NC and is a crack basketball player.

Fred Hopgood, p, of Kingston NC is 19, weight- 160 height- 5-9. is playing his first year of pro ball and while getting his share of starting assignments has done a great deal of the relief pitching. He bats and throws with his lefthand.